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plane news

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Off to Paris -- once again

This sistership of the original "Spirit of St. Louis" is ready to be gulped aboard a giant Air Force C-5 aircraft.

The C-5 took off from Calverton on May 27 on a trans-Atlantic flight to LeBourget airfield near Paris, where Charles Lindbergh landed his "Spirit" 50 years ago. While inside the belly of the huge transport, this present-day "Spirit" made the journey in 6½ hours as opposed to Lindbergh's historic solo flight of 33 hours.

The "Spirit" now is prominently on display at the Paris Air Show this week.

Discussing shipping arrangements at Calverton are (L to R) John Pereira, Business Planning; William Schick, Manufacturing; and Bill Capaldo, assistant Traffic manager. (Photo by Gerry Costello)

people

The tape recorder ran out of tape twice as we talked with Hannah Washington of Plant 1 about a favorite topic of hers: day care. Hannah is an encyclopedia of names, committees, and theories; she punctuates her sentences with imaginary graphs that she draws in the air.

That sort of bubbly enthusiasm—and a lot of hard work over the past seven years—recently earned Hannah the Annual Recognition Award from the Day Care Council of Nassau County.

Hannah became involved with day care when her two children, Ursula (11) and Lionel (7), attended centers in Nassau County while she worked at Grumman. Although her own kids are out of the program now, Hannah has remained active and is currently vice president of the Day Care Council of Nassau County. She has appeared on Channel 21 twice, while supporting the rights

She's honored. *Hannah Washington receives plaque for her 'outstanding service in community relations and unselfish dedication. . .' from Priscilla Brown, outgoing president of the Day Care Council of Nassau County.*

of working mothers and their children.

"Day care is something I believe in," Hannah says. "I want to make people understand the very urgent need for it and how important it is."

Capital visit

Members of the Grumman Retiree Club who restored a Grumman F4F to top exhibit form journeyed down to the Nation's Capital recently to inspect their handiwork. Formerly known as the "Wildcat Commandos" the experienced crew is now called "Spacecats" because of their present efforts in restoring two Grumman Lunar Modules for museum display.

Grand tour. *Members of the Grumman Retirees' "Wildcat Commandos" were given the grand tour of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum by former astronaut and present museum director Mike Collins (far R). While on tour, the group inspected the Grumman F4F which they had restored two years ago.*

Smithsonian Air and Space Museum director Mike Collins, former astronaut on Apollo 11, served as their official guide. Congressmen Jerome Ambro took time out from his busy schedule to greet the Grumman retirees at the museum, while Congressman Tom Downey met with the group on the Capitol steps before conducting them on a tour of the building.

Local boy does good

Though Jerry Harris opted to enroll in the University of Virginia's Navy ROTC program, he was still entitled as a Grumman scholar to work at the company during his college summers.

So for two summers in the early Seventies, the native of West Islip worked in Flight Test at Calverton Operations. During that time, he had the chance to study the newest Grumman fighter on the line — the F-14 Tomcat. "Someday I'm going to fly that aircraft," he recalls saying to himself.

Today, he's doing just that. Lt. (jg) Harris recently received an F-14 model for his selection as VF-124's outstanding F-14 replacement pilot for 1976. And during this time, he also became the Navy's first F-14 "double E" expert in air-to-air gunnery with the M-61 cannon.

The young naval fighter pilot will have even more opportunities to prove his prowess in the Tomcat when he embarks with fellow Black Lions aboard the USS Kitty Hawk this fall.

Once in a lifetime

Doug Marshall of Plant 1 flew his 1946 Air Coupe in rather distinguished company a few weeks ago. As a participant in the fly-over at Eisenhower Park commemorating the 50th anniversary of Lindbergh's historic flight, Doug piloted one of about 15 antique airplanes that flew alongside the sister-ship of the "Spirit of St. Louis."

Doug, who began flying 30 years ago, was pretty excited about it. "After all," he says, "it's a once in a lifetime event." He is a member of the Antique Airplane Club of Greater New York and of the Early Flyers Club.

Appointments

Among those who recently received changes in assignments were: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT—Joseph Beattie, Product Operations; and Theodore Moorman, Iran, CONUS, both appointed program manager on the F-14 Program; SPACE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT—Joseph H. Blazosky has been appointed base manager for the Goddard Space Flight Center activities, located in Lanham, Maryland; and in STUART OPERATIONS—Wilford B. Brown, program manager for Commercial and Military Overhaul Programs, exclusive of U.S. Army contracts; and Charles P. Olson, program manager for U.S. Navy Programs

Outstanding pilot. *Cdr. Jake Jacanin (C), VF-213 Black Lions' skipper, presents Lt. Jerry Harris with an F-14 Tomcat model for his selection as VF-124 outstanding F-14 replacement pilot for 1976. Also on hand to offer congratulations is Carrier Air Wing 11 Grumman Field Service rep Charlie Askins.*

It's an honor. *Bob Simon, deputy director of Central Procurement, presents Harold Finkelstein, president of Hughes-Treitler Manufacturing Corp. with 'Award for Excellence' from Grumman for being selected U.S. Region II Small Business Contractor of the Year.*

GAC subcontractor wins regional business award

Earlier this year, Grumman Aerospace submitted its nominee for the Small Business Subcontractor of the Year to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The company picked a winner: Hughes-Treitler Manufacturing Corporation of Garden City.

The 30-year old firm was chosen by a panel of industry and government judges as the SBA winner of Region II, which encompasses competition from New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

For the first time since the inception of this award in 1967, a regional winner was nominated by three firms, Grumman Aerospace, ITT Avionics, and AIL, a division of Cutler-Hammer.

More than a decade

Hughes-Treitler has been designing, testing and manufacturing heat-transfer components and cooling systems for electrical and mechanical applications for Grumman for more than 10 years. The 150-member firm presently supplies thermodynamic products for the F-14, E-2C, A-6E, EA-6B, and the EF-111.

Japanese visit Grumman to evaluate E-2C Hawkeye

A six-member team from the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) recently visited Grumman Aerospace for a four-day evaluation of the E-2C Hawkeye, the airborne early-warning system capable of monitoring three-million cubic miles of air space.

The Japanese government is considering buying between six and 14 early warning aircraft, says Chuck Muller, Grumman E-2C Japanese Program manager. While in the States, the JASDF team will also look at the Boeing E-3A AWACS. A buy decision by the Japanese is expected by early next year, reports Muller.

During their stay at Bethpage, the evaluation team visited E-2C labs in Plant 14 and took three flights in the Hawkeye to observe and evaluate system operation. The visitors also evaluated the E-2C support equipment and training programs.

Equipped with the General Electric APS-125 advanced radar processing system, the Hawkeye automatically detects, identifies and tracks more than 600 friendly and enemy aircraft over both land and water at ranges approaching 300 miles.

In contrast to other competitive systems, the Hawkeye is the only one that is operational. The Grumman E-2C boasts meeting well over 90 percent of its slated missions, states Muller.

Prior to visiting the Grumman facilities, the JASDF evaluation team stopped at NAS Norfolk, Virginia to observe the E-2C in the U.S. Navy's operational environment. While there, the visitors had the chance to study the E-2C maintenance and training programs underway in the Navy in addition to flying with a Navy crew.

Before returning to their homeland, the Japanese will also visit the Naval Aircraft Re-work Facility (NARF) at North Island, San Diego, for further studies of the Navy's Hawkeye systems maintenance program.

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Open new facility at Irvine

Grumman Aerospace officially opened its new West Coast laboratory center in Irvine, California, on May 25, by hosting an open house for local dignitaries and top military officials.

The new Irvine Center will support Grumman's new thrust into mosaic sensor technology for the U.S.A.F. Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO). The new facility represents an expansion of the Plant 14 sensor development laboratory in Bethpage, and is located near SAMSO headquarters in Los Angeles and several of Grumman's subcontractors involved in this field of military space.

On hand for the official ribbon cutting ceremonies were: Executive Vice President Ralph "Doc" Tripp, Col. Gery Dingman, SAMSO's director of Advanced Space Surveillance Capabilities; and Lt. Col. Richard Shields, SAMSO's chief of Advanced Concepts Division. Also representing Grumman were: Don Imgram, director of Space Programs; Jack Marsh, marketing manager for Irvine; and Jim Fulton, laboratory director at Irvine.

Grand opening. *Executive Vice President Ralph 'Doc' Tripp officially opens Grumman Aerospace's new Irvine Center in California by snipping the red ribbon. Also attending the opening day ceremony were: (L to R) Art Bertapelle, director of Irvine Center; Col. Gery Dingman of SAMSO; and David Sills, mayor of Irvine.*

Don't be caught in the cold--buy Bonds

January — "I can save now, I'm still paying for holiday gifts."

February — "This month's too short — and so am I."

March — "It took my last dime just to pay taxes."

April — "Spring outfits are all I can afford."

May — "I'm still paying for the outfits."

June — "I need every cent for my summer vacation."

July — "Who saves on vacation?"

August — "It's too hot."

September — "Too many school expenses."

October — "Not now, I'm still paying for school."

November — "I need every penny for the holidays."

December — "Who saves money at holiday time?"

When you're looking for excuses not to save, it's difficult to tuck any money away for bad times or peace of mind.

But suppose there was some way to turn things around, some way to find an excuse for systematic saving. What if you had a goal worth achieving? A special trip might be your excuse to save. If so, you should decide how much money you'd need, and exactly when you'd be taking your trip.

Then you should find some excuse to pay yourself first. You wouldn't want to wait until all your bills were paid and your living costs covered. You'd want to take your saving right off the top.

The best excuse for saving would be some kind of payroll plan — a simple gateway to financial security that opened automatically. At Grumman Aerospace, such a savings plan is available through the U.S. Savings Bond Payroll Deduction System.

Why Savings Bonds?

There are at least three good reasons:

• *High yield.* Savings Bonds now pay six percent at their five-year maturity. Savings Bonds are not only competitive with other interest-bearing investments but in the event of further increases in Savings Bond interest rates present owners will receive the same increase automatically. All interest is free of state tax; Federal tax may be deferred until the bonds are redeemed.

• *Instant redeemability.* Bonds can be used immediately for any emergency at any time two months after their issue date. They can be redeemed on the spot at your local bank and will earn interest even when redeemed before maturity, but after six months following issue date.

• *Unmatched security.* Savings Bonds are as good as cash. They are backed by the full credit of the U.S. Government; no other investment in their price range is as secure. If your Bonds are lost or destroyed they will be replaced right away at no cost to you.

Included with your paycheck on Thursday, June , will be information on the U.S. Savings Bond program at Grumman and a payroll deduction authorization card.

Do yourself a favor and begin your "automatic savings plan." If you're already participating, it's an excellent opportunity to increase your savings.

Though June traditionally marks the company-wide drive to publicize the benefits of the U.S. Savings Bond payroll deduction, you can change your savings contribution anytime throughout the year. Just contact your nearest Employee Services representative for a payroll authorization card. Some rainy day in the future, you'll be glad you did.

Pl. 27 will close mid-Sept.

After 14 years of humming with the assembly of aircraft frames for the world's most advanced aircraft, the Wyandanch facility will close its doors and 250 Grummanites will continue their work at other Grumman facilities.

By the middle of next September, 80 percent of Plant 27 operations at Wyandanch will be stationed in Plant 2.

The forward, mid, and tail sections of the EA-6B and A-6E will be assembled in Plant 2. E-2C tail surfaces will be fabricated in Plant 36, and nacelles at Plant 3. Injection molding operations will be moved to Milledgeville, Georgia.

According to Bob Milani, project engineer for the move, some space was already available in Plant 2. Within the past year, for example, the Ground Support Equipment department was transferred to Great River. However, it was also necessary to rearrange and pull together other departments to get the space required for Plant 27 work.

The transfer has been running smoothly, says Dick Patwell, director of Bethpage Ops Planning. The Facilities, Maintenance, and Manufacturing Technology departments have kept the project on target.

Roy Erickson, Plant 27 manager, believes transferring the assembly operations to Plant 2 will have a special benefit for Grummanites working on detail parts.

"As it is now, people working on small detail parts never see their efforts as part of the aircraft assembly. After September, they'll be able to."

Cost booster

"Trimming the overhead expense of operations while delivering products within cost is the driver for the change," says Bill Trillo, general manager of Bethpage Operations.

Eye in the sky still orbiting

On Saturday, May 14, OAO-3 Copernicus logged its 25,000th orbit of highly successful astronomical operations.

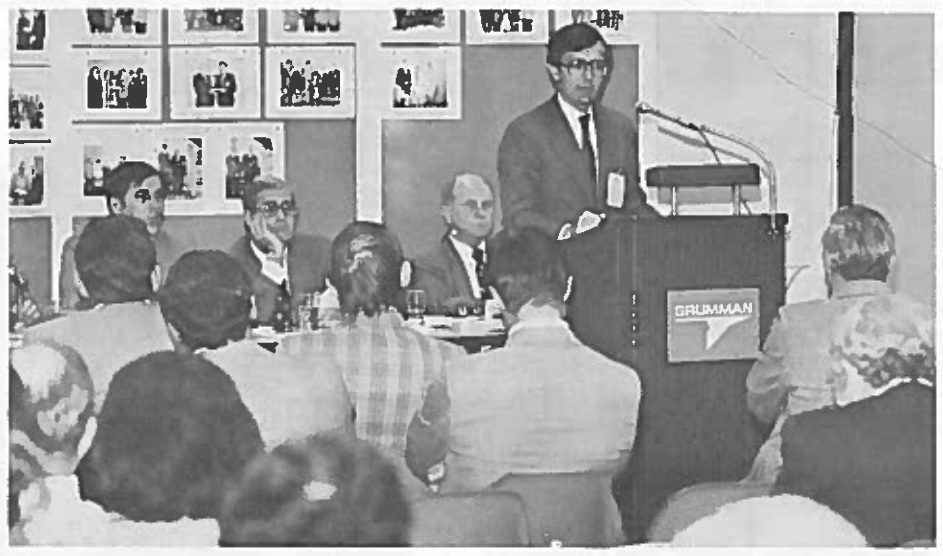
Although NASA's mission success criteria for Copernicus was one year, the observatory continues to operate in the "on-and-on" tradition set by the earlier OAO-A2. During the 25,000 orbits, the Grumman-built satellite has travelled 695,169,858 miles and had an availability of 98.25 percent for experimentation.

The Grumman Mission Operations team under Joe Blazosky that "flies" the spacecraft 24 hours a day at Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland, has used its years of ground-control experience to improve and increase the capabilities of Copernicus.

By developing various techniques using the on-board computer, the Mission Ops team has provided Princeton University and the University College of London experimenters with high-resolution data modes and the ability to observe very dim objects such as globular clusters, galaxies, and planetary nebulae.

In achieving this milestone, Copernicus has supplied the scientific community an extremely reliable and efficient observatory, one able to measure ultra-violet and X-ray emissions not seen by observatories on earth.

Wall St. investors meet EIP members



Meet the investors. *Peter Nadosy of Fiduciary Trust Co. addresses Employee Investment Plan members in Plant 30. (Photo by Rich Breunig)*

Those Grummanites who attended the second annual Employee Investment Plan (EIP) meeting in Plant 30 in April received a wealth of information. In attendance were top officials from the Plan's investment managers, Fiduciary Trust Co.; company EIP committee members; and a representative from one of the Plan's administrators, Bankers Trust Co.

In his opening remarks, Bob Bradshaw, Grumman Corporation Secretary and a Plan committee member, announced that there are close to 13,000 members in EIP, representing an increase of 7-1/2 percent over last year's roster.

"Close to 1.8-million shares of Grumman common stock are owned by Plan members," said Bradshaw, "which represents about 20 percent of the outstanding shares. That makes the Plan the largest single holder of Grumman shares."

Keeping track

Ed Balinsky, Corporation Vice President-Investment Management for Grumman, explained how the company uses the A.G. Becker Report to monitor the performance of the Fiduciary Trust Company, EIP investment managers since mid-1974.

The Becker service measures the activities of over 75-billion dollars worth of similar investment funds. During the time it has handled the Grumman account, "Fiduciary Trust has ranked about in the middle of the Becker performance group," Balinsky said.

Assessing an investment management company takes time, he noted. "Since EIP is constructed along conservative lines, looking to long-term gains, it is necessary to allow a minimum of three-to-four years before a reasonable judgment can be made."

Since Fiduciary has managed the Equity Fund it has performed relatively well in "down" markets and lagged somewhat in "up" markets.

Balinsky said, "We plan to continue monitoring the situation very carefully."

Investment guidelines

Larry Huntington, Fiduciary Trust Co. president, said, "We regard our principal mandate as being the preservation of capital. We therefore approach investment with a definite eye toward conservatism."

Explaining Fiduciary's investment philosophy, Huntington pointed out that in "up" markets, many stocks of lesser quality move up, usually because they had dropped further in "down" markets. "We do not participate in those stocks even though we know we will lag in performance in more ebullient markets.

Commenting on future strategies, Huntington expects slower than normal economic growth and the lowering of inflation and interest rates. "But don't forget that the danger of another serious recession is also there as a definite possibility. We believe we have designed a portfolio that can really survive under both conditions."

Equity Fund status

Fiduciary Vice President Hi Upson who manages the Equity Fund reported on the Grumman EIP portfolio status as of March 31, 1977. He described the fund's holdings in the following categories:

Credit related — about 16 percent in insurance, savings and loan, utilities, finance companies, etc.

Energy — over 24 percent invested . . . He commented that energy stock values are undervaluated in the market relative to past, present, and anticipated earnings."

Consumer related — approximately 23 percent "Inflation short term trend is positive . . . when consumers come back into the economy, we'll have considerable profit."

Basic industry capital goods — This area has moved up to 16 percent; "we hope to have a minimum of 20 percent, and will go up to 22 percent as opportunities are provided. In *basic goods producers*, we selected investments limited to chemicals, aluminum, and paper, such as Alcoa, International Paper, etc. In *aerospace*, we've invested three percent, mostly in Raytheon and Boeing the newer of the two."

The balance of the portfolio is held as a reserve in cash equivalents to be used as specific opportunities develop.

In keeping with Fiduciary's "conservative" philosophy, Fixed Income manager Peter Nadosy said, "I don't want to look for a very short term profit that won't survive. I'm more interested in bonds that give a very attractive rate of return."

"Over a long term (at least three to five years) we'd like to achieve a return that is higher than what you could have from a savings account."

Nadosy reported that "74 percent of the EIP portfolio consists of Standard and Poor top rated triple A bonds, while the remainder are in the double or single A category. In an economy of a gradually decreasing rate of inflation, the long term prospect for the bond market is expected to be good."

Company contributions

As of January 1, 1977, matching company contributions on the first four percent of a member's base pay contribution range from 50 to 100 percent.

"As the company's fortunes and profits improve, so will the match," remarked Nat Busi, Grumman Corporation Controller. This match is determined by the company's performance during the previous four quarters.

Continued Busi, "The match for the second quarter of 1977 is 53 percent as opposed to the 61 percent of the first quarter. This reduction is due to the somewhat disappointing results of the fourth quarter of 1976.

"Unfortunately, these results will adversely affect the match for the next three quarters. However, once that quarter's results are removed from the calculations, the prospects are very bright for an improvement in the match above the current 53 percent."

After the formal presentation, the meeting was opened to questions from the floor.

A questioner asked why investment managers were needed when it would be just as profitable to invest in a portfolio of stocks representative of the Standard and Poor index.

Balinsky and Huntington explained that they believe such a mechanical system of investment would not do as well over the long haul as one professionally managed. They also pointed out that on an historical basis, the S&P index has not done as well as most professional investors for extended periods.

Questions and answers

As a result of a number of queries about retirement, members learned they could take their money out of the Plan on retirement or leave it in until age 72. This money can be taken out in a lump sum or annual installments ranging from two to 20 years.

In response to why Fiduciary did not buy "recovery" or "turn around" type stocks, Huntington said, "We don't buy them because one way of defining a company that has to be turned around, is that it must have gone haywire to get in that position. Therefore, one could conclude that there might be either some problems with the industry or with the company itself, which would put it in a lower quality category than we would choose to invest in."

obituaries

LOUIS JOHN MATTABONI of Operations Mgmt. and Staff, Plant 6, died May 20 at the age of 38. He had been with the company since 1968 and lived at 17 Atkinson Lane, Coram.

BILLY H. PENIX of Elect. Install., Plant 6, died May 25 at the age of 49. He worked for Grumman since 1951 and resided at 150 Gull Dip Rd., Ridge.

Bond winner. *Doug Ports, Paint Shop leadman at Calverton, was top suggestion winner this month.*

Ports hits bond jackpot for his first suggestion

Like many other Project Sterling winners, Doug Ports knew there had to be a better way. And the Paint Shop leadman at Calverton set out to find it.

He suggested using airless spray-application equipment for final-finish paint jobs. Previously, paint was mixed with air (much like in an aerosol can) and then pressure-sprayed on the aircraft.

This resulted in loss of paint due to the final mist — which in turn caused poor visibility for the spray gun operator. In addition, when sprayed sections overlapped, they had to be sanded and re-painted.

Thanks to Doug's idea, air is now used to pump the paint from the container in an even flow rather than being dispersed with the paint.

This technique is now being used for all final-finish of Iranian camouflage colors on the F-14 and Navy aircraft gloss colors on the A-6E, F-14, and EA-6B. The operator's visibility increased; paint loss decreased by 50 percent; and the uniform paint flow cut down on re-work time.

"I've always been dissatisfied with the air-mixture spray because it's a waste of material and money," says Doug. "We tried airless spray years ago, but it didn't work. We held onto the equipment. I kept experimenting with it, until I finally got it to work right."

For his efforts, Doug received $825 in U.S. Savings Bonds (face value) to head this month's suggestion winners. It is the first time he has submitted a suggestion, but he's presently co-owner with a fellow worker of another idea that's in the suggestion approval cycle.

Golf clinic

Before you get too far into the golfing season, it might be a wise idea to attend the annual GAA golf clinic.

Sponsored by GAA, the two-day clinic will be conducted by Mike Cherry, a member of the P.G.A. and a golf instructor for over 30 years. Assisting Mike will be this year's Grumman varsity golf team.

The sessions will take place on Monday, and Wednesday, June 13-15, behind Plant 2 at 5 p.m. Participants should bring a middle iron to the clinic. For more information, call Mike on Ext. 2133/2269.

Offer retirement counseling

An after-hours counseling program for retirees and their families has been implemented by the Personnel Relations Department in Plant 28. The first session, for those who retired by the end of May, was held on May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Plant 30 cafeteria.

Recognizing that retirement can be a difficult and bewildering experience for many Grummanites, the company is attempting to ease the transition period by providing a "cram course" of pertinent information.

Representatives from various departments in the company as well as outside speakers counsel retirees on:

- Social Security and Medicare
- Moving and relocation
- Health insurance
- Investments
- Pensions
- Health in regard to the aging process
- Legal matters (estate planning, etc.)
- Grumman Retirees Club

"We were quite pleased with the turnout for the first session," said Tom Conley of Personnel Relations. Almost 50 retirees and their spouses or invited guests attended, for a total showing of about 100 people.

The next session is planned for June 20 for those retiring in June and July. August-September-October retirees will meet on June 27. Those eligible to attend are usually notified by their area administrators; however, anyone requiring further information should contact Personnel Relations at Ext. 3521.

If you will be retiring this year in July or later and are eligible for Social Security benefits, you will be able to enroll at Plant 28. As a special service for the convenience of retiring employees, a Social Security representative will be at Grumman to process enrollment.

Pick up an application at the Insurance department in Plant 28; you will then be notified when to return for the actual enrollment.

Get new posts

Last month, several Grummanites received new assignments.

Bob Simon was appointed deputy director of Central Procurement, reporting to director John Monahan. Simon is located in Plant 30, Ext. 2047.

In addition to his responsibilities as manager of Test Operations — Product Development Center, Reuben (Red) Hafter is OV-1D/RV-1D Program manager for Bethpage/Calverton. In his new capacity, he reports to Ross Mickey, Senior Vice President — Corporate Program Management. Hafter is located in Plant 5, Ext. 2450.

Three have received new assignments in the F-14 Program.

Bob Roemer has been named deputy director of the F-14 Program and is in Plant 25, Ext. 7476.

Don Markarian has been appointed F-14 deputy director for Operations and is also in Plant 25, Ext. 7910.

Harvey Fromer has been assigned to the post of F-14 Technical deputy director. He is situated in Plant 25, Ext. 6431.

All three report to Tom Brancati, F-14 Program director.

retirees

On behalf of their fellow workers, PLANE NEWS salutes the following men and women on their contributions to the company and wishes them well in their retirement. Those who retire in June are:

Pocco W. Abruzzese (1), Harold N. Clifton (30), John M. Coe (25), Jerome P. Farrell (12), Edwin J. Heverly (3), Michael Malanchuk (6), Bill Mrazek (5), Andrew T. Seibert (27), Edward J. Stedronsky (2), Theresa M. Dobbins (30), George W. Eisenhower (15), Wilbur C. Fare (17), Albert A. Petry (1), Benvenuto P. Trocca (1), Joseph E. Abrams (6), Walter T. Cooper (5), Edward J. Daubaras (14), Frederick C. Dochtermann (1), Maybe Kralick (3), Edward Moles (39), John R. Mollico (17), Benjamin B. Pennino (2), Franklin L. Rubie (2), Francis Sabelli (6), Walter Szatkowski (30), Ralph C. Barth (25), Armondo P. Polesso (2), Robert L. Ball (6), Kenneth G. Johnson (1), Eugene A. Ross (3), William P. Carl Jr. (25), Warren G. Coates (44), Erwin A. Deuschle (15), Jacob Friedl (2), David Graves (27), Robert W. Hansen (2), Harold W. Kelly (15), Michael J. Labella (2), William A. Lycoff (44), and Howard Marshak (25).

Also, Joseph Mazzarella (5), Chester E. Everoski (36), John W. Davidson Jr. (4), David E. Farabaugh (14), Allan L. Johnson (35), George Markenson (15), William Pletka (1), Joseph G. Smith (25), William F. Wolffer (37), Bill Pletka (2), Bartholomew E. Mooney (18), Edward J. Nosewicz (2), Connie Parchini (35), Lee Rohon (3), Willet Ryder (2), Oliver Wade (3), William L. Barden (6), James A. Christiansen (2), John Flori (2), John J. Gallagher Jr. (1), Donald H. Hartmann (24), John W. Hock (60), Henry O. Jacobsen (2), Walter Jankowski (30), Paul T. Logue (77), Vincent Longhitano (3), Saverio S. Manniello (1), Kenneth J. Morrison (2), Thomas Sinatra (1), Robert E. Bennett (2), Frank Lach (77), Philip F. Racaniello (3), William Rowcroft (77), Kirkwood J. Smith Jr. (77), Peter R. Wallmuller (24), John P. McCormick (3), Joseph Mercurio (2), John Mayall (5), Charles W. Merritt (17), Benjamin J. Mroz (3), James Palmer (5), Felix J. Parise (44), Ann M. Pierro (6), Jerome Presepio (77), Charles F. Riley (77), Wilbur L. Roe (2), John Schmidt Jr. (14).

And Robert J. Shipley (77), Irene A. Smith (30), John R. Thuren (77), Francis J. Turek (77), John E. Walshe (77), Raymond W. Wittneben Jr. (1), Vito L. Amruso (40), William N. Robertson Jr. (5), Harvey C. Beyer (5), Henry H. Buckley (6), Charles Casella (40), Eugene H. Duval (6), Edward S. Combes (2), Augustus I. Dean Jr. (6), John A. Hubert (2), Chester J. Kane (6), John J. Logan (2), William J. Martin (8), Edward E. Michaud (3), Otto F. Pook (6), George Roth (2), Thomas L. Smith (2), Joseph G. Tangle (6), Pedrito Walters (1), Joseph C. White (6), Joseph J. Zummo (6), Regis G. Beneville (3), Fred Heverly (21), Adam J. Hojnacki (3), Edwin T. Knoflicek (14), Frank J. Pacciani (44), Stefan Sekelsky (27), Ralph E. Schneider (5), and Joseph J. Szimanski (1).

scorecard

There probably isn't a golfer alive who hasn't fantasied about carding a hole-in-one.

Byron Kelly's dream came true. It happened Tuesday evening May 25, on the ninth hole of the Hill and Tree C.C.

"It's a 101-yard hole. I teed off with a sand wedge because that's good for a 100 yards and drops the ball on the green with very little roll," says Kelly, a member of the Pubs Duffers league, Plant 15.

The ball took off and landed squarely on the green close to the flag at least that's what

Byron Kelly

Byron and his partners thought. In a few seconds they discovered it was not only on . . .it was in.

The last hole of the nine-hole course is in front of the club house. Most of the league had already finished and were watching the green because they were all involved in a "nearest-the-pin" contest.

Loud cheers went up from the crowd and someone grabbed the ball out of the hole and threw it back to Kelly. Maintaining tradition, Byron bought beer for everyone.

Kelly has a seven handicap but recalls how terribly he was shooting that afternoon. The last shot was the only decent one he had the whole round. He finished with a 39.

Says Kelly: "the strangest thing is happening now. I'm beginning to dream about a second hole-in-one."

Three in-a-row. *Newcomers claimed their third consecutive intramural basketball championship. (L to R) first row — Columbus Poole, Horace Green, Bill Arnold, and Rudy Green; second row — Tony Razziano, John Garrett, John Ebron, Dave Edwards, and coach Lee Gendron. Not pictured: Don Martinolich and Nick Cantina. (Photo by Bob Settles)*

Hoopster champs

Recently the Newcomers claimed their third consecutive intramural basketball championship title after defeating the "Over the Hill" team in the best-of-three game playoffs.

Neither game was a walk-away for the champs. They edged the Hill gang in the first game, 93-91. At the end of the fourth quarter in the second meeting, the rivals were tied at 100 points. In the overtime period, the Newcomers scored three field goals and eight foul shots to win the game decisively, 114-104.

Columbus Poole was high scorer in the title matches. He garnered 33 points in the first game and 36 in the final. Frank Quarto was top hoopster for the losers with a total of 71 points for the series.

Stuart champs. *Ed Dalva (L), Vice President and general manager of Stuart Operations presents first place trophies to Plant 77 table tennis winners (L to R) Brenda Newman, Germaine Patterson, Patricia Stebbins, Conrad Patterson, Douglas Funk, Michael Mills, John Seadon, and Garnard Miller.*

calendar

Alcoholics Anonymous: every Mon., 5 p.m., Pl. 39, classroom 1; closed meetings. Personnel Relations, x3521; Calverton: every Mon., 4-5 p.m., Headquarters Building; Great River: every Wed., 4-5 p.m., Pl. 43, conference room 3.

American Production and Inventory Control Society: Mon., June 20, Musicaro's, Walt Whitman Rd., off Rte. 110, dinner 6:30 p.m., speaker 8:00 p.m.; "Op-Sail" slide presentation; guest speaker: George Meade, radio station WOR helicopter pilot; all welcome. N. Heilweil, x2250.

Coin Club (Bethpage): Wed., June 22, 12:05 p.m., Pl. 25 Vendor Conference rooms; informal lunchtime meeting. K. Hale, x3717.

Grumman Cycle Touring Club: 2nd Mon. of every month, Pl. 28 auditorium, 5 p.m. G. Hilton, x8053.

Grumman Dance Club: by phone registration only; every Thurs., 5-7 p.m., Pl. 28 auditorium; June 16 social dancing, June 23 line dances. M. Brown, x(115)3777.

Grumman Tennis Club: 1st Mon. of every month, 5 p.m., Pl. 28 auditorium. F. Campagna, x(115)3659.

Grumman Toastmasters Club: Wed., June 1, 15, 29, 5 p.m., Pl. 25 conference room; public speaking; GAC and Navy personnel only. H. Blumenthal, x2706.

Retiree Club: Fri., June 29, 12 noon, Holiday Manor; Rudy Trefny Testimonial Luncheon; Florida Treasure Coast Chapter: Thurs., June 30, 12:30 p.m., Trade Winds Cafe, Ft. Pierce; Florida Suncoast Chapter: meetings discontinued until October; Florida Mid West Chapter: meetings discontinued until September.

Society of Logistics Engineers: Fri., June 17, Thatched Cottage, Centerport, 8 p.m.-12 midnight; 1st annual installation/dinner dance, $15pp, reservations only; all welcome. J. Williams, x3919/A. Pinker, x5603.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers: Mon., June 13, 7:30 p.m., PINY, Farmingdale; local chapter; guest speaker: J. Pence — "Plastic Tooling"; guests welcome. M. Rochman, x7949.

Stamp Club: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wed. of each month, 4:45 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe; S. Hoops, x3926.

Discount show tix

If you'd like to see Tony Bennett, Paul Anka, or Sammy Davis Jr. in person rather than on the tube, you can do so by getting in touch with your Employee Services representative. The stars are all appearing at the Colonie Hill at Hauppauge during the summer months.

Tickets are on sale for the Tony Bennett show on Friday, July 8, for $12 apiece, which includes dinner. For $8.50 you can buy a ticket to Paul Anka's show, Wednesday, July 20. August 11 is the date for the Sammy Davis Jr. presentation, also $8.50 per person.

If your preference is Broadway, ES has tickets on sale for two current favorites. Orchestra seats at $10, discounted from $15, are available for the June 22nd showing of "Pippin" and the June 23rd presentation of "The Magic Show."

Picnic tix go on sale June 20

Get out your dress sneakers . . . find the picnic basket . . . and draw a big circle around Saturday, July 16, on your calendar.

That's the date of the annual Grumman Family Picnic. According to Charlie Fuschillo, head of Employee Services, tickets for the big event will go on sale at all ES offices beginning Monday, June 20.

Admission is $3 for adults, and children under 12 are admitted free. All tickets must be purchased in advance. None will be available at the gate.

Although the theme of the picnic and special entertainment are still Charlie's secret, he assures everyone that large quantities of hot dogs, soda and beer will be available. Over 37,000 people attended last year's festivities, and a comparable turnout is expected this year.

More details will appear in upcoming issues of PLANE NEWS.

'You're the One' ready for viewing

Judging from early reviews, "You're the One" is well worth every Grummanite's viewing.

The half-hour videotape program, produced by Presentation Services, was written by Lt. Anthony Fusaro and Lt. Frank Sticco. Originally produced as a training film for new recruits, it stars members of the Plant Protection force. Says Fusaro, "There was no trouble casting, everyone volunteered."

Sneak preview

After showing the tape to all members of Plant Protection, the show went on the road. Sneak previews were run at such facilities as Glen Arms, Md., and Sterling, Va.

The response was great. "Most people walk away commenting, 'There's a lot more to the job than waving me in the gate each morning.'" says Fusaro.

The tape features the wide area of responsibilities that guards perform every day at Grumman, from checking top security areas to guarding Grumman facility perimeters around-the-clock to handling classified material.

Private showing

Eight cassettes are available to Grummanites for viewing, says Fusaro. If your department wishes to learn more about the company's extensive Security system, call Fusaro, Ext. 3895.

All-togethers win 1977 championship

On Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, 22 first-place bowling teams from GAA sponsored leagues rolled off in the sixth annual Tournament of Champions at the Sheridan Bowling Academy, Mineola.

In order to balance the competition, each kegler was assigned a handicap before the roll-offs. All final tallies were based upon gross (handicap) scores.

Champion wood choppers vied for tourney team standings and players competed for high game and series awards. After all the scores were tallied, the Blue Mixed squad claimed first place with a gross series of 2,594. GDS placed second, 2,569 and Great River Green, third, 2,483. And, it seems as if it might have been so destined, the last team in the tourney was the Outpost, 2,168.

Paul Olenick of Blue Mixed was not only high scorer for his team but took tourney honors for the men's high series award, 689. Aiding Paul were team members Dennis Giovannelli, 673; Joy Olenick, 666; and Pat Giovannelli, 566.

Great River Green's squad scorer was Bill Wood, 687; high game, 204. Hank Brohm grossed 607; Tom Hill, 599; and Paul Meisonholder, 590.

Sue Ritchie of Gold Mixed won the high series female award,769. (Based on her 147 average, Sue rolled a commendable 643 series.) She also could have claimed the high game female trophy, 233, except for tourney rules that state no team or individual may win more than one trophy.

Viola Law of Guys and Dolls claimed the women's high game honor, 217. And, Dick Baffuto's 236 gave him the high game male title.

Top champions. *The All Togethers of Blue Mixed league, winners of the GAA Tournament of Champions, pose proudly with their trophies (L to R) Dennis and Pat Giovannelli and Joy and Paul Olenick. (Photo by Bob Settles)*

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